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1. TO REITERATE POINT REFTEL (D) EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE
LOCATE

SUITABLE YUGOSLAV SPONSOR FOR PROPOSED ANCKER-JOHNSON DELEGATION. IM-
PORTANT CONSIDERATION IN OUR LACK OF SUCCESS IS LACK OF CONVINCING
RATIONALE FOR VISIT. WHILE GOY IN PRINCIPLE WELCOMES THE SHARING OF
INFORMATION ON PATENT SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND IS QUITE PRE-

PARED TO SEE VISIT OF US EXPERTS FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY ARE AS PUZZLED
AS WE

ARE ABOUT NEED, CITED IN "AIDE-MEMOIRE" FOR "INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON
PRACTICAL STEPS, PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES NEEDED TO COMMERCIALIZE
ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY." THIS DOES NOT GIVE US, OR GOY, ENOUGH SENSE OF
WHAT IS INTENDED TO BE DISCUSSED. US FIRMS WHO HAVE IN FACT SOLD PATENT

RIGHTS AND TECHNOLOGY TO YUGOLAV ENTERPRISES THROUGH LICENSING OR
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT CITED ANY SPECIAL DIFFI-
CULTIES WITH YUGOSLAV SYSTEM. NORMAL COMMERCIAL PROBLEM OF STRIKING
MUTALLY SATISFACTORY AND ADVANTAGEOUS DEAL EXISTS HERE, AS ELSE-
WHERE IN THE WORLD, BUT SUCH A PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED BY GOVERN-
MENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TALKS.

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2. IF PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO UPDATE INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAV PATENT SYSTEM ALREADY AVAILABLE IN DOC, SO AS TO PREPARE REPORT FOR CIRCULATION TO US BUSINESS COMMUNITY, MUCH SMALLER GROUP AT LOWER LEVEL WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. AND ON POINT OF PUBLICATION OF REPORT, FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THEY WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE YUGOSLAVIA'S APPEARANCE IN ANY REPORT WHICH LUMPS YUGOSLAVIA WITH WARSAW PACT NATIONS. IF PUBLICATION WAS A UNIVERSAL ONE OR INCLUDED GREECE, TURKEY, MIDDLE EAST NATIONS, ETC., THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOY.

3. YUGOSLAVS MAY ALSO BE CONCERNED, AS WE ARE, ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF VISIT. SPONSORING VISIT OF HIGH-POWERED AND SIZABLE GROUP PLACES HEAVY BURDEN ON ORGANIZATION ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY. WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT ABILITY OF YUGOSLAV PATENT OFFICE CARRY OUT THIS END OF TASK, EVEN IF THEY PROMISED TO DO SO. SIZE OF DELEGATION AND ITS DESIRE FOR EXTENSIVE TRAVEL THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVIA INVOLVE MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORT FOR ANYONE UNDERTAKING TASK.

4. SINCE EMBASSY-ARRANGED VISIT AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL(D) SEEMINGLY WOULD NOT MEET DR. ANCKER-JOHNSON'S NEEDS AND SINCE NO APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV SPONSOR IN SIGHT, WE SEE NO CHANCE OF VISIT COMING OFF SUCCESSFULLY. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT DR. ANCKER-JOHNSON CANCEL HER PLANS TO COME TO YUGOSLAVIA IN SPRING.
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